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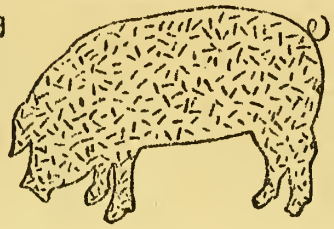

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PIG CROP REPORT -- DECEMBER 1953

The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service makes the following report of sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from some 145,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP (December 1 - June 1)				FALL PIG CROP (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average 1942-51	1953	1954	1954 % of 1953	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 % of 1952
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
SOWS FARROWING								
United States	9,145	7,377 1/	7,795	106	5,688	5,257	4,762	91
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	6,876	5,897 1/	6,252	106	3,721	3,757	3,514	94
PIGS SAVED								
United States	57,506	50,237	2/52,000	104	36,734	34,961	31,882	91
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	43,725	40,489	2/42,000	104	24,380	25,224	23,600	94
PIGS PER LITTER	Number				Number			
United States	6.30	6.81			6.46	6.65	6.70	
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	6.37	6.87			6.56	6.71	6.72	
	PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY (Year ended Dec. 1)							
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 % of 1952				
	Thousand head							
United States	94,240	91,231	82,119	90				
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	68,105	68,639	64,089	93				

1/1954 spring farrowings are indicated from breeding intentions reports.
2/Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

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PIG CROP REPORT - DECEMBER 1953

The 1953 pig crop totaled 82.1 million head, a decrease of 10 percent from a year ago, the Crop Reporting Board of Agricultural Marketing Service reported today. The spring pig crop was down 11 percent and the fall crop down 9 percent. The number of sows farrowing this fall was 9 percent smaller than last year. The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.70 is slightly above last fall and is the highest on record. The fall pig crop at 31.9 million head is the smallest fall crop since 1947. The 1953 spring pig crop totaled 50.2 million head.

For the 1954 spring pig crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 7,795,000 sows to farrow, 6 percent above the number farrowing last spring. If the intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1954 spring pig crop would be 52.0 million head. Such a crop would be 4 percent larger than last spring.

Marketings from the 1953 spring crop were quite rapid during the early fall months and at lighter weights than the previous fall. On December 1 the number of hogs over 6 months old was reported to be nearly a fifth smaller than last year.

This report is based on a survey of 145,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

Fall Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the fall season of 1953 (June 1 to December 1) is estimated at 31,882,000 head. This is 3,079,000 head or 9 percent smaller than the 1952 fall crop, 13 percent below the 1943-51 average, and the smallest fall crop since 1947. Fall pig numbers are below last year in all regions. The North Atlantic States are down 19 percent; east North Central, 6 percent, west North Central, 7 percent; South Atlantic, 14 percent; South Central, 14 percent; and West, 19 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1953 is estimated at 4,762,000 head or 9 percent smaller than a year ago and 16 percent smaller than the 10-year average. The 1953 fall farrowings are 4 percentage points below the number that farmers' reports last June indicated would farrow. All regions except the South Central show larger decreases in fall farrowings than indicated last June. The percentages that the 1953 fall farrowings are of 1952 as now estimated and the fall intentions as reported last June are as follows: North Atlantic, 82 percent now and 91 percent last June; east North Central, 94 and 100; west North Central, 93 and 99; South Atlantic, 83 and 88; South Central, 84 and 78; and West, 80 and 82.

The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.70 is the highest on record for the fall pig crop, exceeding the previous fall high of 6.65 pigs saved in 1950 and 1952. Weather conditions during the peak fall farrowing months were generally favorable, and attractive hog prices encouraged better care.

Compared with a year earlier, the monthly distribution of farrowings in the 1953 fall season shows a larger percentage of litters in July, August and November and smaller percentages in June, September and October. The percentage of sows farrowing each month during the fall season compared with the same month in 1952 is as follows: June 1953, 14.4 percent compared with 15.4 percent in June 1952; July 13.1 compared with 12.5; August, 25.2 and 23.0; September, 37.7 and 39.6; October, 13.6 and 14.0; and November, 6.0 and 5.5.

Spring Pig Crop: The 1953 spring pig crop is now estimated at 50,237,000 pigs, 11 percent below 1952. The number of sows farrowing in the 1953 spring season totaled 7,377,000 head, 13 percent smaller than a year earlier. The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.81 was the highest on record.

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SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1944-54 - UNITED STATES

Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs Saved		
	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Year (Dec. 1- Dec. 1)
	Thousand head				Thousand head		
1944	9,246	4,882	6.03	6.33	55,754	30,905	86,659
1945	8,302	5,429	6.29	6.38	52,216	34,611	86,827
1946	8,077	4,704	6.46	6.49	52,191	30,503	82,694
1947	8,548	4,866	6.11	6.39	52,199	31,090	83,289
1948	7,833	5,070	6.44	6.58	50,468	33,318	83,926
1949	8,820	5,568	6.46	6.52	56,969	36,275	93,244
1950	9,174	5,923	6.31	6.65	57,935	39,404	97,339
1951	9,591	6,032	6.47	6.60	62,007	39,804	101,811
1952	8,480	5,257	6.64	6.65	56,270	34,961	91,231
1953	7,377	4,762	6.81	6.70	50,237	31,882	82,119
1954 1/	7,795	---	2/6.65	---	52,000	---	---

1/Spring farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports.

2/Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

U. S. SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, FALL

Year	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
	Thousand head						
1942-51 av.	772	634	1,123	1,756	984	419	5,688
1951	819	673	1,350	1,827	987	376	6,032
1952	809	658	1,209	1,559	734	288	5,257
1953	685	626	1,199	1,321	647	284	4,762
	Percent of total fall sows farrowing						
1942-51 av.	13.6	11.1	19.8	30.8	17.3	7.4	100.0
1951	13.6	11.1	22.4	30.3	16.4	6.2	100.0
1952	15.4	12.5	23.0	29.6	14.0	5.5	100.0
1953	14.4	13.1	25.2	27.7	13.6	6.0	100.0

State and Div.	SOWS FARROWING: SPRING (Dec. 1 - June 1) 10-yr. average 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	1954 1/ (000)	% of 1953	FALL (June 1 - Dec. 1) 10-yr. average 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	% of 1952	PIGS PER LITTER: SPRING Number 1952	1953	FALL Number 1952	1953
Me.	6	4	4	4	89	5	3	3	79	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.7
N.H.	2	2	1	1	90	2	2	1	62	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.8
Vt.	3	2	2	1	80	2	2	1	75	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.6
Mass	14	12	10	10	100	10	10	10	100	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.7
R.I.	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	100	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.4
Conn.	5	3	2	2	87	4	3	3	72	6.2	7.0	6.6	6.9
N.Y.	32	28	23	20	87	25	18	14	78	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5
N.J.	16	16	14	12	86	11	9	6	67	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.6
Pa.	85	89	79	71	90	80	70	58	83	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0
N.A.	164	157	136	122	90	139	118	96	82	6.83	6.92	6.97	6.91
Ohio	437	430	413	417	101	382	347	319	92	6.82	7.13	6.89	6.93
Ind.	583	615	554	576	104	536	563	512	91	6.80	7.00	6.66	6.83
Ill.	931	948	901	946	105	594	611	580	95	6.53	6.74	6.58	6.57
Mich.	125	122	102	112	110	101	88	86	98	6.91	6.99	7.00	6.89
Wis.	335	327	281	306	109	179	172	175	102	6.95	6.85	6.95	6.73
N.C.L.	2,412	2,442	2,251	2,357	105	1,792	1,781	1,672	94	6.72	6.90	6.72	6.75
Minn.	719	627	564	598	106	264	287	273	95	6.74	6.72	6.61	6.56
Iowa	1,996	1,900	1,786	1,893	106	810	980	911	93	6.81	6.99	6.77	6.69
Mo.	517	468	449	462	103	443	394	370	94	6.74	6.84	6.79	6.87
N.Dak.	138	90	76	85	112	22	14	12	88	6.70	6.85	6.81	6.55
S.Dak.	363	320	275	300	109	60	54	56	104	6.42	6.43	6.32	6.30
Nebr.	521	476	386	432	112	181	155	144	93	6.28	6.67	6.47	6.42
Kans.	209	160	110	125	114	150	92	76	83	6.43	6.78	6.59	6.92
N.C.N.	4,463	4,041	3,646	3,895	107	1,929	1,976	1,842	93	6.68	6.84	6.71	6.68
N.C.	6,876	6,483	5,897	6,252	106	3,721	3,757	3,514	94	6.70	6.87	6.71	6.72
Del.	4	5	4	4	96	4	4	4	86	6.7	7.0	6.4	7.1
Md.	31	33	31	28	90	29	27	22	81	5.9	6.7	6.8	7.1
Va.	92	98	77	74	96	89	80	63	79	6.7	7.0	6.7	7.0
W.Va.	24	19	15	16	106	26	16	14	88	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
N.C.	138	170	139	145	104	113	114	97	85	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.7
S.C.	82	80	60	63	105	76	75	57	76	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.6
Ga.	206	235	195	205	105	186	182	155	85	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.6
Fla.	93	81	76	76	100	74	57	51	90	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.9
S.A.	670	721	597	611	102	597	555	463	83	6.38	6.55	6.41	6.65
Ky.	172	141	106	120	113	146	100	96	96	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.9
Tenn.	157	151	103	116	113	143	109	92	84	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.9
Ala.	130	143	110	113	103	127	127	108	85	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.7
Miss.	112	83	51	50	98	92	70	56	80	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.1
Ark.	120	80	44	40	91	98	49	37	76	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.7
La.	110	73	51	46	90	90	55	42	77	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.9
Okla.	119	93	51	60	118	109	58	46	80	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.7
Tex.	218	140	87	108	124	201	116	97	84	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.4
S.C.	1,136	904	603	653	108	1,006	684	574	84	6.47	6.55	6.46	6.60
Mont.	35	26	18	19	119	22	13	10	80	6.8	7.2	7.0	7.0
Idaho	40	25	14	14	100	27	14	10	71	6.3	6.7	6.7	7.1
Wyo.	12	8	5	5	100	9	5	4	72	6.4	6.7	6.8	7.0
Colo.	50	36	21	23	110	35	23	16	70	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.4
N.Mex.	12	7	6	6	107	8	5	5	96	6.1	6.5	5.9	5.6
Ariz.	4	3	2	3	121	3	2	3	112	5.7	6.0	6.6	6.0
Utah	15	9	7	8	119	11	5	5	108	6.2	6.7	6.4	6.7
Nev.	4	3	2	3	135	2	2	1	90	6.1	6.0	7.1	6.9
Wash.	27	15	12	13	108	21	14	10	71	6.8	7.3	7.0	7.4
Oreg.	28	21	13	14	108	20	13	10	77	6.7	7.1	7.4	7.5
Calif.	72	62	46	49	107	65	47	41	87	5.8	6.2	6.1	6.1
West.	299	215	144	157	109	224	143	115	80	6.23	6.59	6.56	6.58
U.S.	9,145	8,480	7,377	7,795	106	5,688	5,257	4,762	91	6.64	6.81	6.65	6.70

1/Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State	SPRING (Dec. 1 - June 1)				FALL (June 1 - Dec. 1)				YEAR			
	10-yr. average 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	1953 % of 1952	10-yr. average 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	1953 % of 1952	10-yr. average 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	1953 % of 1952
Maine	38	31	28	90	36	20	17	85	74	51	45	88
N.H.	16	13	10	77	12	11	7	64	29	24	17	71
Vt.	20	14	12	86	17	12	9	75	36	26	21	81
Mass.	76	74	59	80	55	58	57	98	131	132	116	88
R.I.	6	4	3	75	5	3	3	100	11	7	6	86
Conn.	27	19	17	89	24	23	17	74	51	42	34	81
N.Y.	225	207	170	82	177	135	105	78	402	342	275	80
N.J.	102	96	90	94	72	59	40	68	174	155	130	84
Pa.	558	614	553	90	539	497	406	82	1,096	1,111	959	86
N.A.	1,068	1,072	942	88	936	818	661	81	2,004	1,890	1,603	85
Ohio	2,901	2,933	2,945	100	2,605	2,391	2,211	92	5,506	5,324	5,156	97
Ind.	3,813	4,182	3,878	93	3,548	3,750	3,497	93	7,360	7,932	7,375	93
Ill.	5,840	6,190	6,073	98	3,855	4,020	3,811	95	9,695	10,210	9,884	97
Mich.	841	843	713	85	684	616	593	96	1,525	1,459	1,306	90
Wis.	2,225	2,273	1,925	85	1,196	1,195	1,178	99	3,422	3,468	3,103	89
N.C.E.	15,620	16,421	15,534	95	11,868	11,972	11,290	94	27,508	28,393	26,824	94
Minn.	4,521	4,226	3,790	90	1,691	1,897	1,791	94	6,213	6,123	5,581	91
Iowa	12,704	12,939	12,484	96	5,249	6,635	6,095	92	17,953	19,574	18,579	95
Mo.	3,352	3,154	3,071	97	2,964	2,675	2,542	95	6,316	5,829	5,613	96
N.Dak.	881	603	521	86	137	95	79	83	1,018	698	600	86
S.Dak.	2,203	2,054	1,768	86	365	341	353	104	2,568	2,395	2,121	89
Nebr.	3,131	2,989	2,575	86	1,115	1,003	924	92	4,246	3,992	3,499	88
Kans.	1,312	1,029	746	72	971	606	526	87	2,283	1,635	1,272	78
N.C.W.	28,105	26,994	24,955	92	12,493	13,252	12,310	93	40,598	40,246	37,265	93
N.C.	43,725	43,415	40,489	93	24,380	25,224	23,600	94	68,105	68,639	64,089	93
Del.	26	36	30	83	28	28	27	96	53	64	57	89
Md.	202	228	208	91	194	184	156	85	395	412	364	88
Va.	587	657	539	82	597	536	441	82	1,184	1,193	980	82
W.Va.	169	139	110	79	180	117	102	87	349	256	212	83
N.C.	869	1,071	931	87	730	752	650	86	1,599	1,823	1,581	87
S.C.	468	480	360	75	459	472	376	80	927	952	736	77
Ga.	1,217	1,480	1,268	86	1,110	1,122	1,023	91	2,326	2,608	2,291	88
Fla.	478	510	464	91	396	342	301	88	874	852	765	90
S.A.	4,014	4,601	3,910	85	3,694	3,559	3,076	86	7,708	8,160	6,986	86
Ky.	1,115	945	721	76	988	690	662	96	2,103	1,635	1,383	85
Tenn.	988	997	690	69	948	730	635	87	1,936	1,727	1,325	77
Ala.	773	944	726	77	778	813	724	89	1,551	1,757	1,450	83
Miss.	598	490	311	63	515	420	342	81	1,113	910	653	72
Ark.	721	504	295	59	617	323	248	77	1,338	827	543	66
La.	576	438	291	66	482	319	248	78	1,058	757	539	71
Okla.	738	604	347	57	705	383	308	80	1,444	987	655	66
Tex.	1,324	924	566	61	1,260	742	621	84	2,584	1,666	1,187	71
S.C.	6,835	5,846	3,947	68	6,393	4,420	3,788	85	13,128	10,266	7,735	75
Mont.	225	177	115	65	141	91	70	77	366	268	185	69
Idaho	250	158	94	59	174	94	71	76	424	252	165	65
Wyo.	74	49	34	69	56	34	25	74	130	83	59	71
Colo.	293	216	132	61	220	150	102	68	513	366	234	64
N.Mex.	68	43	36	84	51	30	27	90	119	73	63	86
Ariz.	26	17	14	82	21	16	17	106	47	33	31	94
Utah	98	56	47	84	76	32	36	112	174	88	83	94
Nev.	21	17	12	71	12	12	10	83	33	29	22	76
Wash.	182	102	88	86	146	98	74	76	328	200	162	81
Oreg.	190	141	92	65	143	96	75	78	334	237	167	70
Calif.	437	360	285	79	391	287	250	87	828	647	535	83
West.	1,864	1,336	949	71	1,431	940	757	81	3,295	2,276	1,706	75
U.S.	57,506	56,270	50,237	89	36,734	34,961	31,882	91	94,240	91,231	82,119	90

FALL - SOWS FARROWING - 1952

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
	Thousands												
N.Y.	18	2	2	4	5	3	2	11.5	11.5	21.4	30.1	15.1	10.4
Pa.	70	7	7	16	20	14	6	9.9	9.9	22.5	29.4	19.8	8.5
Other N.Atl.1/	30	5	4	6	7	5	3	16.7	13.3	20.0	23.3	16.7	10.0
N.Atl.	118	14	13	26	32	22	11	11.9	11.0	22.0	27.1	18.7	9.3
Ohio	347	28	35	97	117	53	17	8.1	10.1	27.9	33.8	15.1	5.0
Ind.	563	72	88	174	164	48	17	12.7	15.6	30.9	29.2	8.5	3.1
Ill.	611	84	59	158	212	73	25	13.7	9.6	25.8	34.8	12.0	4.1
Mich.	88	17	14	18	23	12	4	19.6	16.1	20.6	25.5	13.6	4.6
Wis.	172	26	24	42	48	25	7	14.9	14.3	24.2	27.7	14.7	4.2
E.N.Cent.	1,781	227	320	489	564	211	70	12.7	12.4	27.5	31.7	11.8	3.9
Minn.	287	66	37	61	83	33	7	23.1	12.9	21.4	28.8	11.3	2.5
Iowa	980	230	103	206	299	118	24	23.5	10.5	21.0	30.5	12.0	2.5
Mo.	394	38	43	88	135	62	28	9.6	10.8	22.5	34.3	15.7	7.1
N.Dak.	14	8	2	1	2	1	---	58.6	11.2	10.9	12.9	5.2	1.2
S.Dak.	54	18	6	8	13	7	2	34.4	10.4	14.9	24.9	12.4	3.0
Nebr.	155	22	12	29	58	27	7	14.4	7.9	18.5	37.5	17.2	4.5
Kans.	92	9	6	16	39	15	7	10.0	7.0	17.1	42.2	16.4	7.3
W.N.Cent.	1,976	391	209	409	629	263	75	19.8	10.6	20.7	31.8	13.3	3.8
N.Cent.	3,757	618	429	898	1,193	474	145	16.4	11.4	23.9	31.8	12.6	3.9
Del. & Md.	31	3	5	7	9	5	2	9.7	16.1	22.6	29.0	16.1	6.5
Va.	80	9	11	16	24	13	7	11.2	13.6	20.4	29.4	16.1	9.3
W.Va.	16	2	2	3	5	3	1	8.9	9.3	20.2	33.6	21.2	6.8
N.C.	114	12	17	21	30	20	14	10.9	14.9	18.0	25.9	17.8	12.5
S.C.	75	13	13	13	15	12	9	16.7	17.9	17.8	19.3	15.9	12.4
Ga.	182	20	31	36	41	38	16	10.9	17.1	19.6	22.7	20.7	9.0
Fla.	57	9	8	12	12	9	7	16.4	13.5	20.5	21.8	15.9	11.9
S.Atl.	555	68	87	108	136	100	36	12.2	15.7	19.5	24.5	18.0	10.1
Ky.	100	11	14	22	28	17	8	10.5	13.5	22.5	28.1	17.1	8.3
Tenn.	109	13	17	25	24	18	12	12.0	15.9	22.4	22.4	16.5	10.8
Ala.	127	14	24	30	27	22	10	11.3	18.6	23.6	21.6	17.0	7.9
Miss.	70	11	10	14	16	12	7	15.3	14.0	20.9	22.5	17.0	10.3
Ark.	49	8	8	11	11	7	4	16.6	15.6	23.2	21.7	14.8	8.1
La.	55	8	9	9	10	10	9	15.4	15.5	16.9	17.8	18.5	15.9
Okla.	58	7	8	12	18	8	5	12.5	13.1	20.8	31.1	13.7	8.8
Texas	116	15	21	25	25	20	10	13.0	18.4	21.1	21.3	17.5	8.7
S.Cent.	684	87	111	148	159	114	65	12.7	16.2	21.6	23.3	16.7	9.5
Colo.	23	4	3	4	7	4	1	18.2	12.3	18.2	31.5	14.4	5.4
Wash.	14	2	2	3	4	2	1	12.7	14.9	19.6	31.3	15.5	6.0
Oreg.	13	1	1	4	4	2	1	8.1	11.0	27.6	28.6	17.1	7.6
Calif.	47	6	5	9	12	9	6	13.6	11.1	18.6	25.9	18.1	12.7
Other Western 2/	46	9	7	9	12	7	2	19.6	15.2	19.6	26.1	15.2	4.3
Western	143	22	18	29	39	24	11	15.4	12.6	20.3	27.2	16.8	7.7
U. S.	5,257	809	659	1,209	1,559	734	288	15.4	12.5	23.0	29.6	14.0	5.5

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FALL - SOWS FARROWING - 1953

State	Total	Sows farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
		Thousands											
N.Y.	14	2	2	2	4	3	1	10.0	12.7	16.4	29.5	21.4	10.0
Pa.	58	6	7	12	17	9	7	9.8	11.7	21.6	28.9	16.5	11.5
Other N.Atl. 1/	24	2	3	6	5	5	3	8.4	12.5	25.0	20.8	20.8	12.5
N.Atl.	96	10	12	20	26	17	11	10.4	12.5	20.8	27.1	17.7	11.5
Ohio	319	25	36	97	103	43	15	7.8	11.3	30.3	32.3	13.4	4.9
Ind.	512	57	94	177	124	44	16	11.1	18.4	34.6	24.2	8.6	3.1
Ill.	580	67	63	146	199	78	27	11.6	10.9	25.2	34.3	13.4	4.6
Mich.	86	15	15	19	22	12	3	18.1	17.5	21.9	25.5	13.6	3.4
Wis.	175	30	29	45	45	18	8	17.4	16.3	25.6	25.8	10.5	4.4
E.N.Cent.	1,672	194	237	484	493	195	69	11.6	14.2	28.9	29.5	11.7	4.1
Minn.	273	59	38	67	75	27	7	21.7	14.0	24.5	27.3	10.0	2.5
Iowa	911	196	100	241	255	96	23	21.5	11.0	26.5	28.0	10.5	2.5
Mo.	370	37	38	94	119	58	24	9.9	10.4	25.3	32.2	15.8	6.4
N.Dak.	12	6	2	2	1	1	--	49.6	15.4	19.0	10.5	4.2	1.3
S.Dak.	56	17	5	10	15	7	2	31.2	9.4	17.4	26.0	13.1	2.9
Nebr.	144	23	14	28	49	23	7	15.7	9.7	19.7	34.2	16.0	4.7
Kans.	76	8	6	16	28	11	7	10.7	7.9	21.6	36.2	15.0	8.6
W.N.Cent.	1,842	346	203	458	542	223	70	18.8	11.0	24.9	29.4	12.1	3.8
N.Cent.	3,514	540	440	942	1,035	418	139	15.4	12.5	26.8	29.4	11.9	4.0
Del. & Md.	26	2	4	7	7	4	2	7.7	15.4	26.9	26.9	15.4	7.7
Va.	63	4	9	15	17	11	7	6.9	14.0	23.4	27.3	17.8	10.6
W.Va.	14	1	2	3	4	3	1	8.2	10.3	19.8	31.4	20.6	9.7
N.C.	97	10	15	17	22	20	13	10.1	15.6	17.7	23.0	20.1	13.5
S.C.	57	7	8	10	12	12	8	12.5	14.7	17.4	21.4	20.3	13.7
Ga.	155	18	23	31	33	33	17	11.9	15.1	19.9	21.1	21.3	10.7
Fla.	51	7	7	9	13	9	6	13.1	13.6	18.0	25.1	18.5	11.7
S.Atl.	463	49	68	92	108	92	54	10.6	14.7	19.9	23.3	19.9	11.6
Ky.	96	9	13	24	25	16	9	9.3	13.5	24.8	26.1	16.4	9.9
Tenn.	92	11	12	20	20	17	12	12.1	13.3	21.5	21.7	18.0	13.4
Ala.	108	12	19	24	18	21	14	11.4	17.7	22.3	16.5	19.3	12.8
Miss.	56	9	9	11	11	9	7	15.3	17.0	20.0	20.3	15.3	12.1
Ark.	37	6	7	7	7	6	4	17.4	19.2	18.4	18.7	15.3	11.0
La.	42	6	8	7	7	8	6	13.8	17.9	17.8	17.2	18.7	14.6
Okla.	46	5	7	9	13	6	6	10.6	14.8	20.3	28.2	12.9	13.2
Texas	97	12	13	17	22	20	13	12.2	13.6	17.7	23.0	20.0	13.5
S.Cent.	574	70	88	119	123	103	71	12.2	15.3	20.7	21.4	18.0	12.4
Colo.	16	2	3	3	4	3	1	15.4	16.7	18.2	23.7	18.2	7.8
Wash.	10	1	1	2	3	2	1	8.7	12.5	21.4	31.8	18.3	7.3
Oreg.	10	1	1	3	3	1	1	10.3	14.6	32.4	25.9	10.9	5.9
Calif.	41	5	7	9	9	6	5	12.5	16.0	22.0	21.8	15.3	12.4
Other Western 2/	38	7	6	9	10	5	1	18.4	15.8	23.7	26.3	13.2	2.6
Western	115	16	18	26	29	17	9	13.9	15.7	22.6	25.2	14.8	7.8
U.S.	4,762	685	626	1,199	1,321	647	284	14.4	13.1	25.2	27.7	13.6	6.0

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Yearly Pig Crop: The combined spring and fall pig crop for 1953 is estimated at 82,119,000 head. This is 9,112,000 head or 10 percent smaller than the 1952 crop and 13 percent smaller than the 10-year average. The 1953 total pig crop is the smallest since 1940.

Spring Intentions: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions indicate 7,795,000 sows to farrow in the spring of 1954 (December 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954). This would be an increase of 5 percent from last spring, but 15 percent below the 10-year average. Compared with last year, all regions except the North Atlantic show increases. By regions, the indicated increases are as follows: east North Central, 5 percent; west North Central, 7 percent; South Atlantic, 2 percent; South Central, 8 percent; West, 9 percent. The North Atlantic region showed a decrease of 10 percent.

These estimated changes from last year are based on breeding intentions reported by farmers about December 1.

If the intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1954 spring pig crop would be about 52.0 million head. A spring crop this size would be 4 percent larger than in 1953, but 10 percent smaller than the 10-year average spring crop. For the Corn Belt, the 1954 spring crop would be 4 percent larger than last year.

Hogs Over 6 Months Old on Farms: The number of hogs over 6 months old on farms on December 1 this year was reported to be nearly a fifth below the number on December 1 last year. The early movement of the 1953 spring pig crop reflects a continuation of the tendency of recent years toward earlier farrowings. At the same time, hogs from the spring crop have been marketed at lighter weights than a year earlier. Although the 1953 spring pig crop was down 11 percent, total commercial slaughter of hogs from August through November was down only about 8 percent from the same period last year.

Sows held for 1954 spring farrowing represent a larger proportion of the December 1 inventory of hogs over 6 months old than a year ago. Thus, the December 1 supply for market represents a relatively larger decrease compared with last year than indicated by total inventories on December 1.

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